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No sign of man lost to current

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**MISSING** The search for a man swept away in the North Saskatchewan River continued yesterday.

A 31-year-old Samson Cree Nation man, his wife and two cousins were camping near the popular Devon Bridge Boat Launch, when he was taken away by the current.

He screamed for help, but was swept downstream.

The missing man's wife told police her husband had been drinking when he went for a swim around 1:30 a.m.

He was last seen wearing blue jeans, a black leather jacket, a white, long-sleeved shirt and white runners, police said.

The search continued by land, air and water yesterday, but there was still no sign of the missing man by press time.

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Hawrelak Park **Festival fun**



Hungarian dancers perform on one of the many stages at the 34th annual Heritage Festival in Hawrelak Park yesterday. An estimated 360,000 people attended the festival representing more than 80 cultures. Story, page 3.

Family calls for release of citizen

**ETHIOPIA** Upset family and supporters of a Canadian citizen convicted and sentenced to life in prison by an Ethiopian court are calling for his immediate repatriation and say Ottawa must freeze development aid until he comes home.

"I want to see the government of Canada do something," said Said Makhtal, who has been lobbying on behalf of his cousin, Bashir Makhtal, since the former Torontonian's arrest.

"We need action now. What the government needs to do is cut off the development aid to Ethiopia and show it's serious about the case ... Bashir needs to be brought home to Canada. It's time for the government of Canada to intervene at the highest level."

Makhtal, an ethnic Somali born in Ethiopia's Ogaden region, was convicted last week of being a member of a separatist group, engaging in an armed struggle against the government and aiding and abetting the Islamic Courts Union, a religious alliance that briefly seized control in Somalia before being toppled by U.S. and Ethiopian forces.

Yesterday's sentence shocked Makhtal's family and supporters, who were counting on a sentence of time served so he could go home.

"I'm just devastated," said Makhtal, his cousin. "I'm just lost. I don't know what to do next. I'm trying to calm down the whole family."

Supporters in the Canadian Somali community are also calling for action.

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# Victim named in stage collapse

Storm's effects 'an act of God,' say officials

**"We always look back when we've had a lot of damage, or, God help us, fatalities, because they're a horrible thing to have happen."**

Yvonne Bilan-Wallace,  
Environment Canada meteorologist

sites and international media outlets soon after the stage fell.

The investigation was handed over to Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Sunday afternoon, police said.

Festival organizers are seeking anyone who may have been on or near the stage before or during the collapse.



Moore  
A severe weather warning was issued at 6:04 p.m.

Environment Canada officials called the devastating effect of the severe weather system "an act of God."

Radar readings were misleading for weather officials, as strong winds hit Camrose about 20 kilometres before the bulk of the storm followed.

about five minutes after the stage collapsed.

"It was all happening at the same time," said Environment Canada meteorologist Yvonne Bilan-Wallace.

Environment Canada is in the process of retracing the steps that lead to the warning that day, Bilan-Wallace added, though officials believe they "did all they could."

"We always look back when we've had a lot of damage, or, God help us, fatalities, because they're a horrible thing to have happen. We look at what we could do differently to get the information out."

Big Valley Jamboree officials sent out "thoughts and prayers" in a release yesterday.



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## Photo contest for local shutterbugs

Have a photo that screams Edmonton? EnVision Edmonton is a public photo contest that will give local shutterbugs a chance to display their shots in the temporary Terminal Express area at the Edmonton International Airport. For more information, visit [flyiea.com](http://flyiea.com). **METRO EDMONTON**

# Local



## Computer gamers get ready

Gamers, prepare your battle stations, because Canada's longest-running computer gaming event begins Thursday. Fragapalooza will bring together 500 gamers and spectators from across the continent among 15,000 square feet of computers and consoles, 24 hours a day, from Thursday to Sunday. For more information, visit [fragapalooza.com](http://fragapalooza.com). **METRO EDMONTON**

## Heritage Festival still going strong

Estimated 360,000 attend event

KENDALL WALTERS  
for Metro Edmonton



**A day at Edmonton's Heritage Festival started out with a food-related twist as hundreds of thousands of Edmontonians squeezed themselves like sardines into Park and Ride buses.**

Operated for more than just traffic control, Park and Ride was a crucial part of the festival's continuing efforts to be as eco-friendly as possible.

"We're trying to make this the greenest festival in Canada," said Heritage Festival executive director Jack Little.

Some of the festival's other eco-efforts included 60 recycling stations, biodegradable utensils, two bike compounds and demonstrations by the Earth's General Store pavilion on how to live green. The entire event was also powered by wind generators.

In addition to protecting the environment, the festi-

Nilesh and Taruna Patel (centre) enjoy some curried chicken at the Heritage Festival in Hawrelak Park yesterday.

val also benefitted the Edmonton Food Bank.

"The Heritage Festival Food Drive is the single largest food drive for us over the year," said Marjorie Bencz, executive director of the Edmonton Food Bank.

This year, the food bank set itself a goal of 50,000 kilograms of donated food. As of 5 p.m. yesterday, they had reached approximate-

**"This is Edmonton's family festival. They've taken this festival as their own ... and they support it."**

Jack Little, Heritage Festival executive director

ly 40,000 kilograms.

Festival attendance was slightly lower than last year due to stormy weather. At about 6 p.m. on Saturday, police evacuated

Hawrelak Park.

"We didn't want to take a chance with our attendees, so the police took over and evacuated the park," Little said.

responded to a head-on collision between two vehicles at 79 Avenue and 48 Street. One driver had only minor wounds, while the other driver died at the scene. Neither vehicle con-

Despite that setback, Little said the festival was a success.

"This is Edmonton's family festival," said Little. "They've taken this festival as their own special festival and they support it."

The 34th annual Heritage Festival boasted 62 pavilions representing over 80 cultures. This year, an estimated 360,000 people attended.



Flamenco dancer Maria Rosario struts her stuff on one of the many stages at the Heritage Festival in Hawrelak Park yesterday. PHOTO BY JAMIE MACCANNAN FOR METRO EDMONTON

## Blaze hits roofing company

**FIRE** Smoke hung in the air of south central Edmonton yesterday, the result of an industrial fire that caused \$1.5 million in damage.

The blaze began at Great Canadian Roofing early yesterday morning.

The shop at 9310 — 62 Ave. was completely engulfed in flames when fire crews arrived.

The two-alarm blaze didn't touch any nearby businesses, and no injuries were reported.

The roofing company has been in business for 12 years.

A cause hadn't been determined by press time yesterday.

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### News in brief

**HIT AND RUN** Morinville RCMP are searching for a vehicle that fled from the scene of a collision. At 10 a.m. on July 31, a white sedan turning right onto 97A Avenue from 100 Street hit

a vehicle waiting to turn onto 100 Street. The sedan fled by driving down 97A Avenue at a high speed. The hit-and-run car has damage to the front corner of the driver's side, as

well red paint transfer on that area of the car.

**COLLISION** One person is dead after a car crash in Stony Plain over the long weekend. At 2 a.m. on Saturday, RCMP

responded to a head-on collision between two vehicles at 79 Avenue and 48 Street. One

driver had only minor wounds, while the other driver died at the scene. Neither vehicle con-

tained other occupants. Police are withholding the identity of the deceased driver until next of kin can be notified. The investigation is ongoing.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

**Video** Rebuilding and reforming a notorious Afghan prison a key part of Canada's reconstruction efforts at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

**Blogs** Sexcetera reviews the grades from the first report card on the dating habits of Canadian males



### Lotteries

Friday, July 31  
Lotto Super 7-8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 23 & 33 Bonus 41  
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# Canada



## Schreiber in German jail

Karlheinz Schreiber, a key figure in a political party financing scandal involving former prime minister Brian Mulroney and former German chancellor Helmut Kohl, arrived in Germany yesterday and has been jailed after losing a decade-long extradition battle in Canada, CBC News Online reports. The 75-year-old former arms-industry lobbyist landed in Munich around 9:30 a.m. local time, and was taken to a jail in nearby Augsburg, where prosecutors accuse him of bribery and tax evasion.

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## Police suspect arson

Fires in B.C.'s Stanley Park prompt more patrols

DANIEL TAM  
for Metro Canada

**Vancouver police are beefing up the number of mounted officers patrolling Stanley Park after four suspicious fires have been set in the park since Thursday.**

Police say the fires are linked and are the works of an arsonist.

Const. Cinda Michael said 13 officers are now patrolling the park on horseback.

"We have seven regular officers who are supplemented by six reserve officers," she said.

The fires were set at different locations. A fire at the Brockton Oval, a sports field popular with cricket players, caused the most



Vancouver Police Const. Cinda Michael and her horse, Spur, at Stanley Park yesterday. Police are asking park users to be vigilant after four fires were deliberately set there on the weekend.

damage. It was lit under the bleachers and scorched the bench area and the side of a building.

Park Board Commissioner Ian Robertson called it

"despicable." Witnesses told police they saw a man riding a bike near the fires, but investigators have no suspects yet.

## Wildfires force 2,000 from homes in B.C.

KRISTEN THOMPSON  
Metro Canada

**EVACUATION** More than 700 wildfires in B.C. burning across the hot, tinder-dry province have forced thousands of people from their homes, including around 2,000 people in Lillooet, where a fire is threatening the town.

The roughly 3,000-hectare Mount McLean fire — which broke out because of a lightning strike — was one kilometre from town by press time yesterday.

An evacuation order was also issued for people living in nearby Seton Portage, where a 1,000-hectare fire is burning.

Meanwhile in Fintry, around 2,500 people have

### Information line

- The province and Red Cross have set up a toll-free information line at 1-888-350-6070.

been asked to leave their homes — after being allowed to return following an earlier evacuation order — because the Terrace Mountain fire has flared up again. The fire had been 90 per cent contained until Sunday, when strong winds pushed it over the fire-ground.

That fire has engulfed around 2,500 hectares.

Of the roughly 2,100 fires that have broken out in British Columbia since April, most were caused by lightning.

### News in brief

**SOLDIER** Canadian military officials in Kandahar yesterday identified the second soldier killed in a roadside bomb attack in Afghanistan on Saturday, CBC News Online reported. He is Sapper Mathieu Allard of the 5th Combat Engineer Regiment, based in Valcartier, Que. Allard, 21, was killed alongside his friend, Cpl. Christian Bobbitt, 23, in the Zari district.

**COURTS** Ontario Supreme Court Justice Douglas Cunningham is expected hand down his verdict in Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien's influence peddling trial tomorrow morning. O'Brien is facing two criminal code charges stemming from allegations that he offered to help get Terry Kilrea an appointment to the National Parole Board in exchange for Kilrea dropping out of the mayoral race. A guilty verdict would require O'Brien to vacate the mayor's chair.

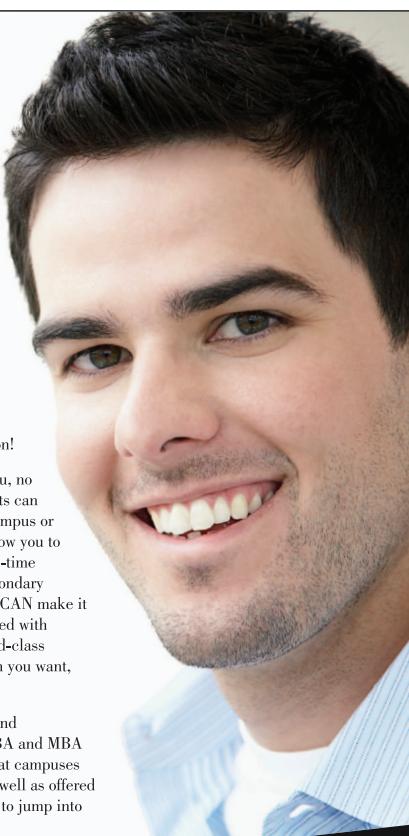
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**Plane diverted after passengers injured in severe turbulence**

A Continental Airlines plane hit severe turbulence en route from Rio de Janeiro to Houston, Texas, yesterday and was diverted to Miami, where more than two dozen passengers were treated for injuries. A Miami International Airport spokesman said 168 people were aboard, including 11 crew members. **REUTERS**

# World



## Religious violence claims 700 in Nigeria

Samuel Yunana's father, Fayam, was taken from his home, stabbed in the side of the stomach and told to convert to Islam. When he refused, his throat was slit.

Fayam was among more than 700 people killed in the northern Nigerian city of Maiduguri during an uprising last week by a radical Islamic sect that wants sharia law imposed across Africa's most populous nation.

Followers of Boko Haram, which means "Western education is sinful," attacked government buildings, police stations, prisons, schools and churches during five days of rioting before soldiers and police put the uprising down.

**"They insisted (my father) was to convert to a Muslim. He refused, so on that basis they killed him."**

Samuel Yunana, son of Christian killed in Nigeria

As a prison warder and a Christian living near the sect leader's compound, Fayam was a particular target.

"He was taken from his house by Boko Haram. They stabbed him and he was losing blood," Yunana told Reuters.

"They insisted he was to convert to a Muslim. He refused, so on that basis they killed him," he said.

Nigeria is roughly equally divided between Christians and Muslims, and more than 200 ethnic

groups generally live peacefully side by side.

Boko Haram treats anybody who does not subscribe to its ideology — Christian or Muslim — as an infidel and its views are rejected by the vast majority of the country's Muslim population, sub-Saharan Africa's largest.

The sect's leader, Mohammed Yusuf, was shot dead in police detention last Thursday after being captured hiding among sheep and goats.

REUTERS

## Gorillas spawn new AIDS-like virus

A woman from Cameroon has been found to be infected with an AIDS-like virus that came from gorillas, French researchers reported Sunday. The woman, who has no symptoms of HIV infection, is well and was likely infected by another person, not an animal, the researchers said. Their findings suggest this newly discovered gorilla virus is circulating among people, they reported in the journal *Nature Medicine*.

REUTERS

### Ukraine Five-week-long rave



Women dance yesterday at the annual "KaZantip" festival in the Crimean town of Popovka, Ukraine. KaZantip is an annual music festival that takes place for five to six weeks in the summer.

### News in brief

**JAPAN** A customer banned from a Tokyo ear-cleaning salon was arrested in Tokyo yesterday on suspicion of stabbing a young woman working at the salon and killing her grandmother, Japanese media reported.

**MILITARY** The Pentagon is seeking to speed deployment of an ultra-large "bunker-buster" bomb on the most advanced U.S. bomber as soon as July 2010, the Air Force said Sunday.

**CLINTON** Former U.S. President Bill Clinton was on his way to North Korea yesterday to negotiate the release of two American journalists convicted by the communist state of "grave crimes," South Korea's Yonhap news agency said.

**VENEZUELA** More than a dozen of 34 radio stations ordered closed by the Venezuelan government went off the air Saturday, part of President Hugo Chavez's drive to extend his socialist revolution to the media.

REUTERS

## No shiny phones, Taliban say

**AFGHANISTAN** The Taliban

have warned Afghans that possessing pictures of "unrelated women and handsome boys" was against Islamic law and owning "shiny new phones" runs contrary to their religious dignity.

The Taliban have been posting "night letters" in the volatile southeastern province of Ghazni, reminding Afghans of their religious obligations.

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## Comment

## Politics of engagement

## National Report

Lawrence Martin

It was cool and rather instructive to see the way Barack Obama eased his way out of the overblown controversy about the Harvard professor being arrested for breaking into his house.

Let's all sit down, have a beer, talk it over, said the U.S. president.

That kind of engagement, beer diplomacy, can be a good thing, especially in the wake of the arrogant sabre-rattling of his predecessor.

But with Iran the politics of engagement isn't working.

Obama has tried to reason with Ayatollah Ali

Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, proposing talks on the nuclear issue and on regional security. He didn't get much of a response. Then came the disputed Iranian election, the severe clamp-down on protests and now the show trials. All this was combined with the apparent Khamenei policy of full steam ahead on nuclear weapons production.

In a dispatch based on Western intelligence sources, The London Times breathlessly reported yesterday that Iran has already perfected the technology to create and detonate a nuclear warhead. The Western intelligence sources, one hopes, are

better than the likes of Dick Cheney and other charlatans who conned Western media on Saddam Hussein's non-existent weapons of mass destruction.

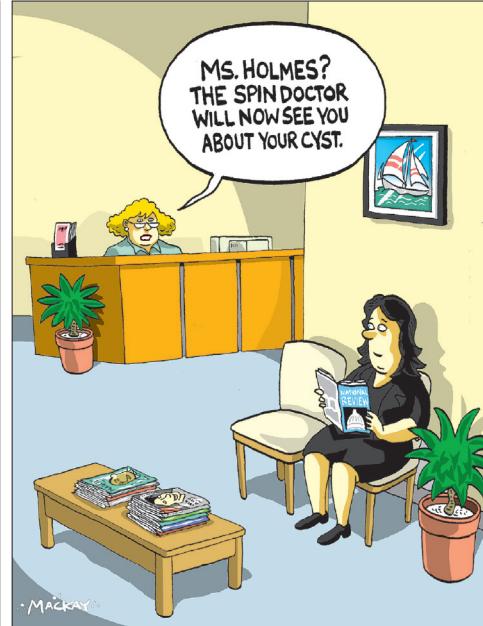
In any case, Obama's patience with Tehran is being sorely tested. We recall that in the election campaign Hillary Clinton and John McCain warned him about trying to negotiate with regimes like Iran. So far those cautions look justified.

Obama, who is of part Muslim descent, sees things differently than most American politicians. With his wider perspective, he is better capable of putting himself in

someone else's orbit. He can readily understand, for example, how Iran sees a gross double standard on the nuclear question. As in, "Oh yes, you can have nuclear weapons and Israel can have nuclear weapons but we can't!"

Obama will be under increasing pressure to adopt a stiffer line, to start issuing ultimatums. Better though he continue with his politics of engagement for some time. Let the Iranian leadership be seen as recalcitrant, let it be seen as not accepting any outstretched hand. In this way there will be a justifiable case, as well as a broad consensus, for assertive actions such as punitive sanctions. In this way there will be no repeat of the flim-flam that triggered the invasion of Iraq.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



## Worth mentioning

## More than 40 journalists killed in 2009: Report

At least 46 journalists have died while reporting the news in 21 countries this year, with Somalia and Mexico the most dangerous places for media, according to the International News Safety Institute (INSI).

But the Brussels-based body, which tracks killings and deaths of journalists and their aides around the world, said the once-high casualty rate in Iraq was dwindling rapidly with the relative decline in violence in the country.

Up to the end of July, six Somali reporters for local and foreign news organizations had been killed, while two journalists took

hostage in 2008 remained in captivity 11 months later, INSI said.

"But the situation in Mexico is causing grave concern with at least three deaths confirmed and three more under investigation," said the organization, which is backed by major media

and professional bodies around the globe.

Three journalists had each died in Pakistan, Iraq and Philippines, it said. INSI noted a key media body in Sri Lanka reported 34 journalists and media workers have been killed there since the present government came to power in 2004.

REUTERS

## Views

## Public sector wages growing out of line

## In Business

Charles Davies

So it turns out Toronto Mayor David Miller is the Neville Chamberlain of municipal politics, an appeaser who will assuredly, and rightly, lose his job in the next civic election.

For now, though, let's consider the symbolism of Miller's deal with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, bankable sick days and all. It stands for the fact that, at all levels of government across Canada, public sector wages and benefits continue to grow way out of line with private sector standards. And the conse-

quences for our economy are very negative.

One is the sheer cost: Public sector wages and salaries — not including rich benefits — grew 56 per cent to \$161 billion annually in the decade to 2007, and they're still growing. So is the disparity with the private sector.

Back in 2000, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business calculated that a typical federal public worker had a 15.1 per cent advantage over a typical private sector worker in salary alone. Counting benefits, the advantage was 23.3 per cent. Today, the advantage gap has increased to 17.3 per cent for wages and 41.7 per cent for wages and benefits. Similar gaps can be found in both the provincial and municipal public service sectors.

Interestingly, employ-

ment in the public sector has actually grown through the recession, compared to the dramatic plunge in private sector jobs. Money spent on public sector wages and salaries that's over and above private sector levels is money that's not being spent on things we could really use, like improved public services or economic infrastructure.

You could make the same argument about questionably useful government services. After all, do we really need health workers in local government working full time on wellness programs?

Money spent padding the public sector may be good for consumption, but there are much more productive ways to create wealth and economic growth. Indeed, a bloated public sector contributes to a stagnant econ-

omy that values bureaucracy more than innovation, hardly what Canada needs coming out of a severe recession and into a much more harshly competitive world.

And in comfy, cosy Canada, where government offers high-paying jobs for life, what's the incentive for people to start businesses, to take real risks without financial safety nets and create growing enterprises? There's also a matter of fairness.

Why should taxpayers labouring in the private sector happily take pay cuts and/or layoffs in order to subsidize above average wages and benefits for garbage collectors or office bound bureaucrats?

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

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The toll of at least 46 by July 31 — which includes cameramen and photographers — compared with 109 in 36 countries for the whole of 2008. INSI counts accidental deaths while on reporting assignments in its figures.

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**Google CEO Schmidt to quit Apple board**

Google Inc. chief executive Eric Schmidt is resigning from Apple Inc.'s board of directors, the companies said, citing increased competition between the two leading technology companies and increased regulatory scrutiny. **REUTERS**



# Business

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## Banks reach out to recession-hit

Distressed customers offered help with mortgage payments, debt load

**Canada's biggest banks are offering financial lifelines to distressed consumers during this recession — some doing so on an unprecedented scale.**

Tens of thousands of customers are being allowed to skip mortgage payments without penalty, consolidate their debts and switch to lower-interest loans.

Banks say it's about giv-

ing their customers a helping hand during a tough economic time. But it is also an astute business strategy to keep loan losses in check, secure client loyalty and generate priceless word-of-mouth advertising to attract new customers when the good times return.

TD Bank has helped nearly 20,000 clients from February to July under a

program dubbed Project Umbrella.

"That number (20,000) might seem large, but I don't think that number is anywhere near the real story," said Tim Hockey, head of Canadian banking and president and CEO of TD Canada Trust.

BMO, too, has launched a special recession support initiative. It started in

April as a regional test program in hard-hit Ontario communities and became a national program in June. The Bank of Nova Scotia is reaching out to distressed clients through its branch staff, while offering a slew of online tips and tools.

Royal Bank of Canada plans to call each of its 10 million customers across

Canada this year, said David McKay, head of Canadian banking. In addition, RBC has launched an online advice centre.

"Customers are intimidated," McKay explained.

"They don't know how to talk to the bank. They are embarrassed. They don't know where to start — which is why we reach out." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Motivate staff or lose them, expert warns

**CHALLENGE** Canada's economy could emerge from the recession this quarter, which means companies are facing a high-stakes challenge to ensure their employees stay motivated on the job, experts say.

Businesses should be taking action now to ensure their best workers remain engaged, says Terry Power, president of staffing firm Randstad Canada.

"When you're in a recession, the trend typically becomes one of 'do more with less,'" Power said.

"The people in those situations that tend to step up and do the most for you ... are your best people. And often times, though, that gets kind of taken for granted."

Although businesses are squeezing staff through painful cost controls right now, good quality companies will also take the initiative to provide some sort of longer-term payoff — even if it is not a cash-based reward.

Those that don't, risk losing their best people, Power said.

Randstad has released a recession survival guide for managers entitled Engaging Employees for a Strong Recovery. The report argues that employee engagement includes promoting open communication and avoiding "unnecessary surprises."

Managers should also make "recognition" a top priority. That could mean heaping on praise for "small successes" or providing non-monetary incentives.

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## Boycott campaign Clash with hard reality



A Palestinian worker sticks Intajuna (Our Products) stickers on Palestinian goods displayed in a supermarket in the West Bank city of Ramallah yesterday. Intajuna is one of many campaigns asking Palestinians to avoid Israeli products. After 40 years of occupation, the Palestinian economy is tied to Israel's, so attempts to reduce its dependence clash with hard realities.

## HSBC eyes Shanghai share listing

**BANKING** HSBC Holdings could raise 50 billion yuan (\$7.3 billion US) in a Shanghai listing next year as it vies to be one of the first foreign firms to list in China, according to people familiar with the matter.

HSBC, which reported a better than expected \$5 billion half-year profit yesterday, said it wants to list but has yet to mandate investment banks for the planned flotation.

HSBC said it has not decided the size of the offering while the timing is subject to regulatory approval.

### Chinese ties

- HSBC was the first foreign bank to raise one billion yuan in the so-called "Panda bonds," the yuan-denominated bonds, in Hong Kong in June.

HSBC, the world's biggest bank outside China by market value with a market capitalization of over \$184 billion, says it sees the Shanghai flotation as a way to accelerate its growth there at a time when international rivals have retreated.

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**B**usted! It's the roof, furnace or washing machine and there's no spare dough. These are expenditures you don't want to put off — picture two working parents schlepping clothes to the laundromat for a couple of toddlers. Not fun.

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They work if you set aside enough money to pay them off in full on the due date. One strategy is to settle the balance with a loyalty points credit card

then eliminate that balance with money saved up.

However, check the fine print where payment landmines might be lurking. Some stores, for example, funnel Buy Now Pay Later purchases through their own cards. The purchase contract is actually a retail credit card application. And you can't pay the balance with another credit card.

If you don't have the money in hand at the due date you are looking at close to 30 per cent in interest.

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For example, if you buy an item for \$1,000 the first month's interest is \$24.91 at 29.99 per cent. The next month you'll pay interest on \$1,024.91 and so on.

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What's the interest rate? Can I pay the balance with a credit card? If I don't pay in full am I liable for inter-

## Alison's Money Rule:

- Buy Now Pay Later deals are appealing, especially when you face an emergency expenditure. But landmines can lurk in the fine print.

est from the day of purchase?

If you know you can't save enough to pay the balance before ante up time, apply for a lower interest bank credit line. It's still a debt but at least the interest won't sting as much.

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**Fake money, real world**

**INVESTING** RBC Direct Investing announced the launch of Practice Accounts last week, the first integrated offering of its kind by a Canadian self-directed brokerage.

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**Fedor rejects UFC**

# Sports



## Montreal to MLS?

In a possible hint of Major League Soccer's next expansion location, league commissioner Don Garber last week told **Fedor** that MLS has been in discussions about adding a team. The United Soccer Leagues' Montreal Impact would be the obvious candidate to join MLS. For more, check out It's Called Football at [metronews.ca/blogs](http://metronews.ca/blogs).

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### NASCAR Pennsylvania 500



Matt Kenseth races the DeWalt Ford yesterday during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Sunoco Red Cross Pennsylvania 500 at the Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa. Denny Hamlin won the race, breaking a 50-race winless streak. Kenseth finished 11th.

# Delay of game

First attempt at Coyotes auction postponed

**It should be known by tomorrow whether Hamilton still has any chance to become the home of the Phoenix Coyotes this season or beyond.**

An auction for the bankrupt team, which was to have taken place tomorrow between the two bidders wishing to keep the team in Phoenix, has been delayed until Sept. 10.

The NHL requested the postponement, but can't yet claim victory because no one is certain what form that September auction will take. Bankruptcy Judge Redfield T. Baum did not rule yesterday on whether Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie, who

**"I'm going to think about this a little bit. It's a pretty significant issue."**

Judge Redfield T. Baum wants to move the team to Hamilton, will be allowed to participate in that auction as a third bidder or whether there will be a separate, subsequent relocation auction.

That decision will likely be handed down tomorrow, the judge said.

"I'm going to think about this a little bit," said Baum. "It's a pretty significant issue."

The NHL also pressed hard for the court to state that the Coyotes would not be moving before the coming season — something

Balsillie's lawyer said the RIM co-CEO is still prepared to undertake — but any ruling on that will be contained within the judge's decision on auction procedure.

The NHL's board of governors has already unanimously rejected Balsillie as a potential owner and requested that any form of relocation auction be dropped.

Bill Daly, the NHL's deputy commissioner, said he had no comment on the day's events.

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Burrows investigated in connection with alleged stick-swinging incident

**HOCKEY** Vancouver Canucks forward Alex Burrows is being investigated by police after an on-ice incident in a Montreal summer hockey league game.

According to a complaint filed July 21, Burrows allegedly hit a 19-year-old goaltender in the face with his stick during a game at the Excellent Ice Arena in Kirkland, Que.

With Burrows, 27, facing

Canucks management say it is waiting to gather all facts before commenting, according to RDS.ca.



The family of goaltender Koray Celikis isn't speaking either, on the advice of their lawyers.

Also known as the Pond Hockey League, the summer league helps professional, minor pro and college players stay sharp in the off-season.

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### Sports in brief

**TENNIS** World No. 2 Rafael Nadal will return to action at next week's Rogers Cup in Montreal after a two-month layoff with injury, his coach and uncle Toni Nadal said yesterday. The Spaniard has been suffering from tendinitis in both knees and has not played a competitive match since being knocked out in the fourth round of the French Open by Robin Soderling on May 31.

**FORMULA ONE** Red Bull and Williams are opposed to Ferrari's request to let Michael Schumacher test in Felipe Massa's F60 car as the seven-time world champion prepares to return to Formula One in place of the injured Brazilian.

**NFL** Former New York Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress

was indicted yesterday on two felony counts accusing him of criminal possession of a weapon and one misdemeanor count of reckless endangerment. If convicted, he faces at least three-and-a-half years in prison and a maximum of 15 years.

**SOCER** Russian soccer fans have been told to drink whisky on their trip to Wales for next month's World Cup qualifier to ward off the H1N1 swine flu virus, the head of the country's supporter association (VOB) said yesterday. "We urge our fans to drink a lot of Welsh whisky as a form of disinfection," VOB head Alexander Shprygyn told Reuters. "That should cure all symptoms of the disease."

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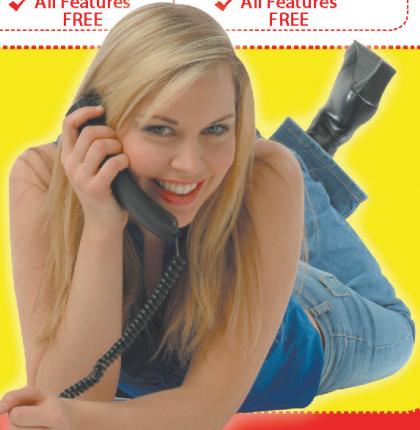
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# Health & Beauty

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## Improve your dating grade

New report suggests Canadian men need to step up their game

The J Spot

**Josey Vogels**

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**G**iven that Canadian guys aged 16 to 24 scored a C-minus on AXE Canada's first annual dating report card, they clearly need some help.

And while the folks behind the cologne — yes, the one that gets guys laid in the elevator if you believe their ads — have offered some helpful advice (i.e. lose the cheesy pick up

lines, follow-up with a phone call, and don't automatically assume a kiss means she's interested), I went to the real experts.

Ronald Lee is the guy behind Vancouver's Man Meets Woman ([manmeetswoman.com](http://manmeetswoman.com)), a dating coaching company for men. He says one of the biggest mistakes men make is that they approach women without a clear goal in mind and end up having a possibly pleasant, but unfruitful encounter. Says Lee, "A man needs to know why he is talking to a woman. For her phone number? To get a date? To just be friends?"

Darren Glickman is the co-founder of The Guyds ([theguyds.com](http://theguyds.com)), a Toronto-

based dating coaching website for guys. He agrees that cheesy pick-up lines don't work but adds that most guys are too weak or way too strong in their approach.

"Women like confidence, but they don't like cockiness," he says.

The best way to avoid one of men's biggest fears when it comes to dating — landing in dreaded "friend zone" with a woman — is to stay out of the friend-zone to begin with, says Lee. Glickman agrees.

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cetera blog at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).**

"Don't do 'friend' things with her — like shopping, beer pong or hockey games," he says. "Don't take an interest in the men she's interested in romantically. Don't beat around the bush; tell her you're interested in more and see where it goes. The worst that can happen is she turns you down. That's better than ending up with another pseudo friend."

And, contrary to popular opinion, nice guys don't have to get left on the dating sidelines. "Many nice guys are ignorant about



When interested in a woman, men should avoid the "friend zone" and act confidently without being cocky, advise experts.

how to seduce women and thus, get treated as doormats, a role they unfortunately accept," says Lee.

Fortunately, adds Glickman, he's noticed in his coaching career that, "The more mature a woman is — either emotionally or chronologically (or both) — the less inclined she is to

put up with the bad-boy attitude."

• For more dating advice for guys and to see the entire AXE Dating Report Card, go to Josey's blog Sex-  
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Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit [joseyvogels.com](http://joseyvogels.com).

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## Wahlberg ties the knot

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# Entertainment

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## DVD picks



## Race to Witch Mountain

Director: **Andy Fickman**

**WHEN WRESTLER** Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson made his big-league film debut eight years ago in *The Mummy Returns*, he was something of an alien presence in the role of the Scorpion King, a human-headed arthropod that spoke only ancient Egyptian.

He's evolved into a full-fledged actor, and in the Disney family thriller *Race to Witch Mountain* he's the human assisting a couple of alien kids in their quest to return home. It's like E.T. on steroids. Space kids Sara (Anna-Sophia Robb) and Seth (Alexander Ludwig) have to not just "phone home," but also to return something to their planet that is of utmost importance both to their interstellar abode and to Earth.

Johnson plays Jack, a Las Vegas cabbie who gets caught up in the alien quest while trying to outrun his own troubles.

In classic Disney style, the film keeps the action going and the sentiments flowing for a lively and heartwarming experience, albeit one with few surprises.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

## Kenya's Style

## Kenya Hunt

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## Thrilling shoot

A Perfect Getaway filmed in remote jungles

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

**Although an actor's life on a soundstage is often pampered — fantastic catered food, cushy accommodations — perhaps the most effortless film for a thespian to make are actually those shot in the remote jungles of Puerto Rico.**

"There's an element when you are out dealing with nature around you that definitely as an actor I think is a lot easier than say, (if) this whole set was a jungle on a soundstage," said *A Perfect Getaway* star Milla Jovovich (*Resident Evil*).

"The whole energy changes, you're not pro-

jecting as much (on a soundstage) and people are like, 'Remember there's wind and remember the rain.'

The cast of *A Perfect Getaway* — which hits theatres this Friday — didn't have to worry about faking it much. The thriller about hikers being terrorized on a remote trail in Hawaii may have been filmed in Puerto Rico but the exterior shoot was no less treacherous — the cast had to traverse steep valley spillways and deal with unpredictable storms.

**A Perfect Getaway opens on Friday**

"It makes you focus on what is happening," said co-star Steve Zahn (*Sahara*). "It's also unfamiliar territory for the actors and for people watching."

"Besides the fact that hey, it's nature," added Jovovich. "We're doing a scene and suddenly there's a typhoon raining down on us and now we got to stop for hours and wait."

Directed by David Twohy (*The Chronicles of*



## Sober visit

Madonna wants to take her children to Auschwitz so they can "see how lucky they are." The Kabbalah follower is to make the trip to Poland later this month. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



Milla Jovovich and Steve Zahn star in *A Perfect Getaway*, which opens in theatres Friday.

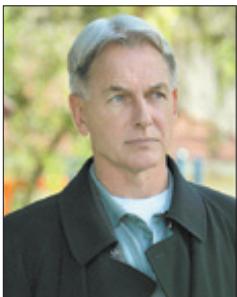
Riddick), *A Perfect Getaway* is the sort of campy thriller that blends stylistic flair and humour with a unique plot twist — not easy to do given that the story only revolves around three couples — each with a curious past.

"What's kind of cool about it is that it's less

## critics' corner

## NCIS

A military family comes under suspicion when a boy finds a murder weapon, prompting Gibbs and the team to track ownership of the gun. Michael Weatherly, David McCallum and Pauley Perrette also star in "Hide and Seek"; Marcus Flanagan, Rebecca Creskoff and Braeden Lemasters guest star. 9 PM on KREM CITV



## The Cleaner

A hospital administrator seeks William's help after receiving an anonymous letter accusing a doctor and some nurses of using drugs. After one nurse passes out during surgery, William brings her in for treatment while Melissa babysits her son in the new episode "An Ordinary Man." 8 PM on A&E

## Being Erica

Erica has traveled into the past to try changing it a few times now. But in this new episode, she just needs a vacation. So Dr. Torn decides to give her a break from her work and family stress by sending her back to an especially pleasant day in her past in "Such a Perfect Day." 9 PM on CBXT

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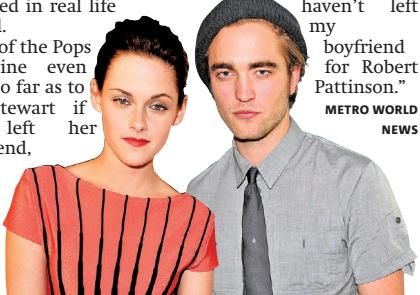
Friends of Billy Joel say the singer is distraught over the June split from his wife, Katie Lee Joel, and is desperate to win her back. "Billy is obsessed with her," a pal told Page Six. METRO WORLD NEWS

## Celebrity Buzz

### Kristen, Rob still not a couple

**DENY EVERYTHING** No matter how many times they deny it, Twilight stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson always find themselves facing more rumours that their on-screen romance has bloomed in real life as well.

Top of the Pops magazine even went so far as to ask Stewart if she left her boyfriend, actor



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Michael Angarano, for Pattinson. "No, Rob and I are good friends," Stewart insisted. "We went through a lot together, so we feel very close. I've acquired a good buddy and that's a big deal, but I haven't left my boyfriend for Robert Pattinson."

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### I'm not the new King of Pop: Kanye

**INTERNET RUMOURS** Kanye West is slapping down reports that he recently dubbed himself the new King of Pop.

"It makes me feel bad that obviously I made people feel that I would be corny enough to say something so whack after the passing of an idol, a legend and more than that a human being with feelings and a family," West posted on his official website.

"It scares me to think what people will believe, without even a source. Any random person can type something on the Internet and then the world believes it."

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### Britney's big thank-you gift

**APPRECIATION** Britney Spears was looking for the best way to thank her father, Jamie Spears, for all his help turning her life around, and she found it — she's buying him a restaurant.

"Britney just wanted to give him something useful as a sign of her appreciation," a source said, according to Hollyscoop. "After all



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their ups and downs she knows he's always got her best interests at heart."

Before stepping in to oversee Spears' personal and professional lives, Jamie owned a catering company in Louisiana. The new restaurant will reportedly specialize in soul food.

### Ryan's fatherhood regrets

**FAMILY MATTERS** Ryan O'Neal has some harsh words for his kids in the new issue of Vanity Fair. "A couple of them I would take back," the actor and father of four said. "I don't think I was supposed to be a father. Just look around at my work — they're either in jail or they should be."

O'Neal also says he didn't recognize his daughter Tatum at Farrah

Fawcett's funeral. "I had just put the casket in the hearse and was watching it drive away, when a beautiful blond woman comes up and embraces me. I said to her, 'You have a drink on you? You have a car?'

She said, "Daddy, it's me — Tatum! I was just trying to be funny with a strange Swedish woman, and it's my daughter. It's so sick."

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### Mystery mama identified

**BABY DRAMA** It didn't take long for Jude Law's mystery pregnant ex-girlfriend to be identified as model Samantha Burke. And after much speculation about their relationship, Burke is speaking out.

"Samantha, her mom, and her family can affirm that Jude has been responsive and supportive throughout the relationship and pregnancy, and know that he will remain so as a father once Baby Sophia is born," a statement from her lawyers reads, according to Hollyscoop.

The baby is reportedly

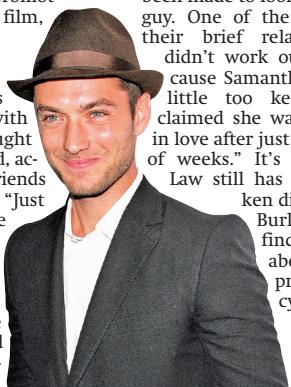
due in the fall, just as Law hits Broadway in Hamlet and begins promoting his next film, Sherlock Holmes.

The news that Burke is pregnant with his child caught Law off guard, according to friends of the actor. "Just assumed she was on the Pill," a source told the Daily Mirror. "He was stunned at being in-

formed of the pregnancy. Jude feels like now he has been made to look the bad guy. One of the reasons their brief relationship

didn't work out is because Samantha was a little too keen. She claimed she was falling in love after just a couple of weeks." It's believed Law still has not spoken directly to Burke since finding out about the pregnancy.

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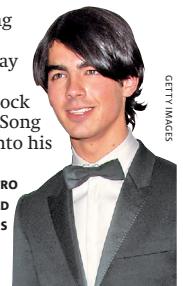
### Joe bounces back with Disney star?

**REBOUND** Joe Jonas may have found someone to help him get over his breakup from Camille Belle.

The middle Jonas Brother was spotted out to dinner at L.A. restaurant Katuya recently with Brenda Song from Disney's The Suite Life of Zack and Cody, according to TMZ.

The pair tried to dodge paparazzi by not leaving the restaurant together, but photographers spotted Jonas pulling over halfway down the block to let Song hop into his car.

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### Paris tell-all in the works?

**SPILLING THE BEANS** It's hard to imagine there's much the public doesn't know about Paris Hilton, but her former manager, Jason Moore, is banking on being able to reveal some new information, at least according to a pitch for a tell-all book he's looking to write.

"Jason will demonstrate how, for 10 years, he managed to save his mercurial client from disgrace by manipulating the media, and Paris herself," the pitch letter boasts, according to the

New York Daily News.

"Paris was oftentimes her own worst enemy, making a sex tape with a former boyfriend, nursing hangovers during photo shoots, falling asleep everywhere and getting thrown in jail for numerous driving violations. If Paris Hilton didn't have Jason Moore pulling the strings (and) cleaning up her messes, she could well have faded into oblivion."

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### MJ's mother suspects foul play

**SUSPICIONS** Katherine Jackson spoke out publicly about her son Michael's recent death — and she suspects foul play.

"My son is dead and I don't think he just died of natural causes," Jackson told Geraldo Rivera on his TV show. "He's too young. Something happened." Jackson, who wants custody of Michael's three children, also shot down rumours that her husband Joe Jackson is banned from her Encino, Calif., home.

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### Real-life Gossip Girl relationship

**BEHIND THE SCENES** Gossip Girl actor Sebastian Stan says it's great working on the same TV show as his girlfriend, Leighton Meester. Unfortunately, their characters aren't together, which means they each spend a lot of time at working kissing other people — Meester most

notably with Ed Westwick. But Stan takes it all in stride, he tells People magazine. "It's work and everyone shares the same mentality when it comes to that. But we all laugh about it. The good part is I get to go home with her."

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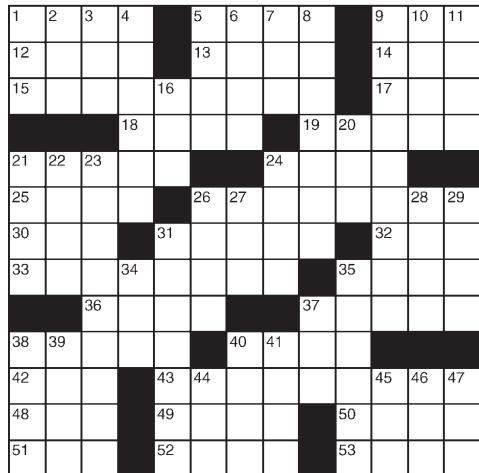
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'My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes.'

WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.

**ACROSS**

1 Group of musicians  
5 Great Lakes fish  
9 Dubya's brother  
12 Chills and fever  
13 Leak slowly  
14 Eggs  
15 Mischievous sprite  
17 Stein or Stiller  
18 Go up  
19 Express appreciation  
21 Tag  
24 A Baldwin brother  
25 Lotion additive  
26 Fixed firmly  
30 Young lion  
31 One over par  
32 Rage  
33 Inscribe, as in heraldry  
35 Soccer score  
36 "Dear —"  
37 Feel  
38 Equine  
40 Ethereal  
42 Wapiti

43 Sympathy-evoking journalist  
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49 Attention getter  
50 Simple  
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52 Youngsters  
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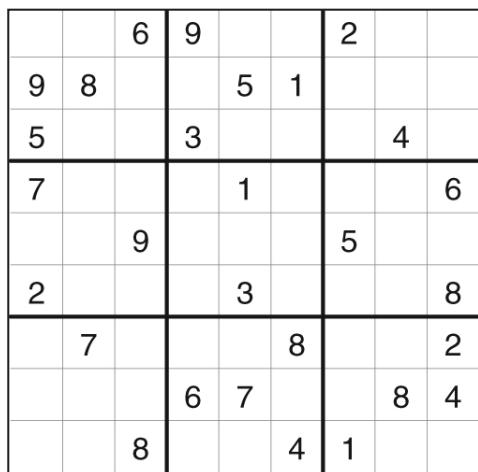
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1 "Humbug!"  
2 Past  
3 Gist  
4 Temperature unit  
5 Corn eaters' throwaways  
6 Golf target  
7 Submachine gun  
8 British automobile  
9 Mini-strike  
10 Level  
11 Teller's place  
16 Lubricate  
20 Coop occupant  
21 Chantilly, e.g.  
22 Astringent

23 Priceless Memories writer  
24 Congregational call  
26 Snug and warm  
27 Swelled head  
28 History chapters  
29 Opposite of "stet"  
31 Watched 52-Across  
34 Ton fractions (Abbr.)  
35 Old Faithful, e.g.  
37 — Lanka  
38 Weight  
39 Margarine  
40 Help a hood  
41 Doctrines  
44 Discoverer's cry  
45 Greek consonant  
46 Ar follower  
47 Reuben holder

**Sudoku**For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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GOLD		HITCH	9	6	2	4	1	8	7	5	3
APSES	SWAN		5	4	1	3	6	7	9	8	2
GUYS	SLE	GHTS	7	3	8	5	2	9	6	4	1
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There's no point getting upset, because your life is progressing as it should. That applies especially to your work, relationships and creative activities.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Something will inspire or upset you so greatly in the next 24 hours you'll have to do something about it. But first be completely sure what's going on.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

Others will no doubt react with surprise at your doings today, but they should have seen it coming — after all, you'd been sending out warning signals.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

You seem to be fearful for no good reason. Fortunately, what happens today will remind you that fear is a negative emotion and serves no useful purpose.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

Others may be enjoying a time of fun and plenty but not everyone is, so don't get peeved if someone is needlessly grumpy today. Cheer them up.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

You can see that changes taking place in your everyday environment will have long-term results that most likely will work in your favour.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

Your inability to generate enthusiasm for your work suggests it's time to rethink your priorities. Remind yourself what life is really about.

**SCORPIO****DEC 22-JAN 20**

You're comparing yourself negatively to successful people, and that's not fair. Only compare who you are now with who you were yesterday.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 23**

Don't assume that because someone has been keeping things from you they have betrayed you. It's far more likely they've been protecting you.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

Even if someone is an expert you don't have to believe them. If your inner voice says they're wrong today then have the courage to believe it.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

If you are not in the mood for socializing today don't force yourself. Let others know that if your door is shut it means you don't want to play.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MARCH 20**

You can curse fate for your miserable fortune but just as easily thank it for the good things it's bestowed on you. You are actually doing rather well.

**WORDY GURDY**

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

1. Not good Alfred E. Neuman magazine (1)
2. Former VP Cheney's blend (1)
3. Hand digit lacking sensation (1)
4. Staffed a newspaper kiosk (1)
5. Alpine cottage dance in tutus (2)
6. Powerball ceramics (3)
7. "Elf" star Will's beer containers (2)

ANSWERS: 1. CHICAGO 2. DICKS 3. NUMPHY 4. MANNEQUIN STAND 5. CHIEFTAIN 6. LOTTERY 7. POLITICIAN 8. PERIODIST 9. HARBERS

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**entertainment 15****Take Five****Metro Recipe of the Day****Spicy Texas Red Chili****INGREDIENTS:**

Nonstick cooking spray

1-1/2 lb (750 g) boneless

beef round steak, trimmed

and cut into 1/2-in. (1-cm)

pieces

3 medium yellow onions, chopped

1 large clove garlic, minced

2 cans (14 oz/398 ml each)

tomatoes, undrained and

cut up

16 oz (475 ml) bottled or

canned tomato sauce

1 cup (250 ml) beef broth

2 tbsp (25 ml) chili powder

2 tbsp (25 ml) minced

canned red jalapeno pep-

pers

2 tsp (10 ml) dried oregano

leaves or basil leaves

1 tsp (5 ml) sugar

1 tsp (5 ml) ground cumin

1 tsp (5 ml) Worcestershire

sauce

1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground

cayenne pepper

**METHOD:**

1. Coat Dutch oven with cooking spray. Heat Dutch oven over moderately high heat. Add meat, onions and garlic; cook 10 minutes or until meat is browned.
2. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, beef broth, chili powder, jalapeno peppers, oregano, sugar, cumin, Worcestershire sauce and cayenne pepper.
3. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 50 to 60 minutes or until meat is tender. For thicker consistency: Cook, uncovered, until mixture is consistency you like. Serve with hot cooked rice.

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